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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR GOODMAN AND BELL; ALSO MULHERN,
WISE, IVERSON, AND RAINWATER OF APHIS

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SUBJECT: TCK WHEAT DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 104183

1. WITH RESPECT TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF SAMPLING AND
INSPECTION FOR PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATION AND THE ATTITUDES
OF SHIPPERS, IT IS THE APHIS (DARLING) VIEW THAT THIS
IS A MATTER FOR INTERNAL AGENCY DETERMINATION AND NOT
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE SHIPPERS.

2. IF SHIPPERS TAKE STEPS TO ASSEMBLE LOTS DRAWN FROM
TCK-FREE AREAS, AND TO SHIP THROUGH SELECTED PORTS, THE
LIKELIHOOD OF TCK CONTAMINATION WILL BE REDUCED TO AN
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. THUS THE INTENSITY OF PROCEDURES
RELATED TO PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATION WILL BE ONLY AN
ADDITIONAL CHECK DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE OF
THE GREATEST POSSIBLE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY.

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3. THE FINDING OF TCK SPORES IN SUCH INTENSIFIED SAMPLING AND INSPECTION WILL BE CAUSE FOR WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATION. NEGATIVE RESULTS WILL LEAD TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL MODEL PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE AS ANNEXED TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION OF 1951, FAO, ROME. THE MODEL CERTIFICATE IN NO CASE IS INTENDED TO BE AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM FROM PLANT PESTS. (WE HAVE GONE OVER THIS POINT WITH PRC REPS, AND IN CONTEXT OF ANY AGREEMENT ON THEIR PART TO WAIVE REJECTION RIGHT, IT WOULD BE COVERED AGAIN.)

4. AS A COURTESY, THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ONCE TO ALL SHIPPERS OF WHEAT TO PRC, AND AT AN EARLY DATE TO THE GRAIN TRADE GENERALLY.

5. IT IS VIEW OF ALL USDA REPS THAT US PHYTO EXAMINATION, EQUIVALENT TO THAT USED BY PRC (WHICH WE ALREADY KNOW BY TEST RESULT COMPARISONS IS NOT WITHOUT SOME DEGREE OF ERROR - OR TOLERANCE) IS ONLY POSSIBLE CHANCE FOR WAIVER OF PRC REJECTION RIGHT. IF WE PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLE THAT PHYTO TEST TO BE DEvised WILL RESULT IN SAME PROPORTION OF REJECTIONS (AT US SIDE) AS WOULD OCCUR ANYWAY ON PRC SIDE, OBVIOUS CONCLUSION IS THAT TOTAL SHIPPER RISK WILL BE REDUCED TO EXTENT THAT REJECTIONS, IF ANY, OCCUR ON US SIDE RATHER THAN AFTER VESSEL HAS ARRIVED IN PRC. CONTINUED DEPENDENCE SOLELY UPON INDEPENDENT EFFORTS BY SHIPPERS ENTAILS RISK TO FUTURE US-CHINA WHEAT TRADE WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY COMMENTED UPON.
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